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BULLETIN

WORKSHOPS

Summer of 1977

Ah! Those lazy, lazy days of summer. Well, there weren't many of those days this summer at BCF.

We conducted our own 8-day course in July. The first five days were an Elementary Workshop and the last three days were a Special Interest Session with the focus on Symbols and the Retarded.

However, Toronto was not the only active place this summer. Elementary Workshops were also held in Atlanta, Georgia; Doylestown, Pennsylvania; Ottawa, Ontario; Oxford, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Buffalo and Valhalla, New York. These workshops were conducted largely by Presentors from our recently formed Presentors' Pool.

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Fall of 1977

The fall season promises to be as busy as the summer. The following Elementary Workshops have been scheduled.

October 19 - October 22

Alberta Children's Hospital
1820 Richmond Road S.W.
Calgary, Alberta. T2T 5C7

Contact: Dale Sutherland

November 14 - November 18

Blissymbolics Communication Foundation.
862 Eglington Ave, East.
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Contact: Shirley White
Phone Number: 416-425-7835

November 29 - December 2

Illinois Masonic Medical Center.
863 Wellington Ave,
Chicago, Ill. 60657

Contact: Pat Hucker, Coordinator of Speech and Hearing.
Phone Number: 312-525-2300

November 29 - December 2

Committee for the Promotion of Blissymbolics in Nova Scotia.
R R # 1
Boutiliers Point,
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Contact: Barbara Cox
Phone Number: 902-826-7350

Tentative Elementary Workshop dates for early 1978.

January 31 - February 3,
- Vancouver, B.C.

January or February
- St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 6 - 10
- Toronto, Ontario

April
- Sarnia, Ontario

May 1 - 4
- Regina, Sask.

The schedule for 1978 is being worked out now. For up-to-date information, please contact Shirley White.

Special Interest Workshops

As mentioned previously, we held our first Special Interest Workshop this summer, with the theme centering on 'Symbols and the Retarded'.

Proceedings will be available when transcription and editing is completed. Those who attended the Workshop will receive a copy. Anyone else who would like copies should write to Mrs. Gale Goundry at BCF. There will be a nominal charge for those who did not attend.

It is our intention to hold more Special Interest Sessions. One is planned for March 13 - 15. The focus will be 'Symbols and the Adult'. The only prerequisite for attendance is an accredited Elementary Workshop. Applications will be forwarded later this year. Anyone interested in attending should write requesting to be added to our Special Interest Workshop Mailing list.

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We are pleased to report that Shirley White, Workshop and Training Co-ordinator is now back at the BCF Office after being absent for some weeks because of illness.

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Presentors' Pool

Our policies regarding the Presentors' Pool of qualified workshop instructors have recently been expanded and clarified. There will now be three levels of Presentors, each with its own responsibilities and requirements. Those who wish to apply for membership in the pool must meet the following prerequisites.

- Accreditation from both elementary and advanced workshops.
- Preferably two years experience with a symbol programme.
- Experience and demonstrated ability in presenting Blissymbolics to an audience.

Anyone wishing to apply should contact Shirley White.

At the Advanced Workshop, being held October 24th - 26th 1977, emphasis will be given to a detailed study of the system, with attention being placed on new symbols, syntax, strategies, and language development. This Workshop's primary focus is the preparation of Workshop Presentors through a study of the symbol system by Workshop presentors-in-training. Enrollment will be restricted to Workshop Presentor applicants and a limited number of experienced instructors. The next Advanced Workshop will be held April 3 - 5, 1978, immediately prior to Workshop Presentor Training, 6 - 7.

Expansion of Workshop Programme

We need your help in establishing a full schedule of Workshops for 1978, Elementary and Special. Please write or telephone to let us know as soon as possible when you are thinking of holding your Workshop.
We would also like to know of possibilities for holding Workshops in new locations as well as subjects for Special Interest Workshops, so that we can follow up your ideas.
Remember, we need your help and support in expanding our Workshop Programme.

RESOURCE CENTRES

As the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation enters its third year we wish to thank our Resource Centre Directors for their support, their counsel, their expertise and enthusiasm. Their contribution to the development of the symbol system and to the growth of the Foundation is immeasurable.

THANK YOU! MERCI!

CURRENT BLISSYMBOLIC COMMUNICATION FOUNDATION RESOURCE CENTRES

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Chairman, Steering Committee for the Application of Blissymbolics
Ped. Habil, Ekhaga 58255
Linkoping, Sweden.

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Interest in Blissymbolics continues to grow in Canada, the United States and internationally. In North America, sites for Resource Centres will continue to be geographically selected to serve as liaison between B.C.F., other Resource Centres, and local programmes. The major responsibilities of Resource Centres are to present Elementary Workshops; to provide professional follow-up and consultation; to provide information about local programmes where visitors can see symbol users; to offer public information and community orientation. Resource Centres will house loan materials; video tapes, films and slides, as support for accomplishing these objectives.

Coordinating Committees focusing the interests of different disciplines, using Blissymbolics with different populations, have formed in a number of areas. This coordination of interests creates a healthy base upon which to establish Resource Centres.

In other areas, symbol development on a local level has taken the form of "Blissymbolic Community Service" where instructors have felt the need to offer consultant services, orientation, and in-service training, without assuming workshop instruction responsibility.

There are many active Blissymbolics programmes around the world reflecting the creativity and enthusiasm of instructors, administrators, volunteers, parents, and symbol users. We are proposing to offer a new form of BCF recognition which would be BCF Affiliate. This alternative liaison with BCF would supplement our Resource Centre structure and could lead to Resource Centre status should the interest and need develop.

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Internship Programme of the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation has been developed to provide instructor training and involvement in programmes applying Blissymbols in various ways. It is primarily directed towards professionals from countries outside North America who will be assuming responsibility for the initial development of Blissymbol communication in their country or region. The programme will be held twice a year, and enrolment will be limited.

The programme will run for at least one month and during this time, the following will be included:

- Elementary Symbol Workshop
- Advanced Symbol Workshop
- Visits to a variety of programmes using Blissymbols
- Discussion groups and opportunities to view video tapes
- There will be some required reading and written assignments given during the course of the internship

Fees for the Fall 1977 Internship programme will be $475.00. This includes the cost of the two workshops and materials required for them. All travel, accommodation arrangements and expenses are the responsibility of the intern; also, a recommendation from the participant's administrator must accompany an application.

The dates of the Fall Internship Programme will be October 17th - November 17th, 1977.

The dates of the Spring, 1978 Internship Programme will tentatively be March 3rd - April 7th.

For further information and application forms, contact:
Mrs. Ann Kennedy
Internship Co-ordinator, BCF

LOAN MATERIALS

There are audio visual loan materials available from the BCF. Some details on the contents are given for your information:-

VIDEO TAPES - $10 Service Charge

Sensory City - 40 minutes
- General outline of three levels of symbol classrooms at OCCC
- Kindergarten, severely involved, advanced
- Teacher explanation of programme and classroom scenes.

Parent Involvement - 30 minutes
- Ruth Harrington relating family experiences with a symbol user
- How it has affected their family and circle of friends.

Individual Children - 20 minutes
- One child at elementary level, one at fluent level and one severely involved child
- Classroom - news - structuring - concept of opposite
- Short segment on a reading lesson

Joseph Kaeble School - 50 minutes
- Integration of symbol user into regular school system
- Question and answer session by principal and teacher re problems they faced, followed by scenes of child in school setting.

FILMS - $15 Service Charge

MacKay Centre, Montreal - 10 minutes
- 16 mm colour film
- Interview with Shirley McNaughton, short sequence of Mr. Bliss from "Mr. Symbol Man", scenes of child in class at MacKay and at home, interview with his teacher and parents.

CASSETTE TAPE - $3 Service Charge
- Sound from "Parent Involvement" videotape.

The National Film Board slide series "Say it with Symbols" should be available for rental by the end of November. The cost is $15.00

As loan items are in short supply materials must be returned one week after the viewing date. The service charge will be increased by 50% for each day that materials are overdue. All bookings should be directed to the Office Manager at BCF.

STUDENT KITS

Student Information Kits are available at a cost of $6.00 each. For further information, please contact our office.

"A MANNER OF SPEAKING"

B.C.F. has just published an informational brochure entitled "A Manner of Speaking". The booklet provides a history of our organization, the scope of our activities, and the nature and application of the symbol system itself. A copy of the publication can be obtained for a nominal mailing and handling charge (50¢) by contacting B.C.F.

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

Anyone who wishes to have an article concerning Blissymbolics published is asked to first submit that article to the BCF to ensure that the standardized form of the symbols appears. Please send your manuscript to Jinny Storr at the BCF.

C.R.C.D. DIGEST

An article on Blissymbolics is to appear in the next edition of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled; Digest.

"THE MAGIC LANGUAGE OF CHARLES BLISS"

In the September issue of the Reader's Digest there is a five page article on the story of Charles Bliss and his life long ambition to establish a world-wide symbol language.

REPORTS ON PROJECTS

BLISSCOM - being developed by TRACE Centre.
Work continues on the vocabulary for the Blisscom. Following study and suggestions in July by the Programme Advisory Committee, Peter Reich has made revisions and additions to the Vocabulary. The next step is the creation of needed new symbols during C.K. Bliss' visit to Toronto and the completion of the photographic work for the display. Thanks to continuing effort on the part of Peter Reich and David Kelso of TRACE, the Blisscom will be displaying 840 symbols, all of which can be printed with either one or two movements. Field testing of the prototype Blisscom during the 1977-78 school year will be carried out in order to evaluate the feasibility of producing Blisscom for sale.

DISPLAYS

Exploration of the best method for producing a 512 Vocabulary, Symbol Stamps, and blank grids continues. It is hoped that information regarding availability will be distributed before the next Bulletin.

N.F.B. SLIDE SERIES

Delay in distribution of the N.F.B. Slide Series was necessary to ensure corrections being made to some of the symbols, after improvement of the "combine" symbol, and revisions requested by C. K. Bliss. Work is underway by Brian Bobbie and a new target date of distribution by November 1 has been set. We regret this delay, but it was important to correct symbol forms prior to the slides being circulated.

HANDBOOK

The Handbook for Instructors, Users, Parents and Administrators has been completed and submitted to the Ministry of Education, Ontario, as a product of the project entitled "The Formative Evaluation of the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre Symbol Communication Programme", contracted by the Ministry of Education, Ontario. Efforts are being directed toward acquiring funds for printing the Handbook.

DICTIONARY -

REPORT FROM BARBARA HEHENER.

As a result of opinions expressed at the Advisory Committee Meeting in July, the Dictionary Classification system is now being modified. It is hoped that a new simpler 'Symbol to Word' classification system, still based upon symbol structure, will be ready this fall.

The manuscript for the 'Word to Symbol' section of the Dictionary is now being prepared, based upon the 512 vocabulary. It is supplemented by a master list of approximately 1000 high-frequency words, most of which have been rated for usefulness by the Advisory Committee and other symbol instructors.

We are now exploring the possibility of arranging the 'Word to Symbol' section by meaning catagories, rather than alphabetically.

For example, all clothing words would be found together, as would all food words, and all words referring to body parts. It is felt that such an arrangement offers more scope for learning about the structure of the system than does an alphabetical classification. New sample pages for the 'Word to Symbol' section are being prepared by the Design Consultant for the Dictionary.

A number of new symbols are being developed and approved this fall. The target date for a completed draft of the Dictionary (minus final symbol artwork) is December 1977.

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Dear Friends,

Last year a decision was taken to send the Bulletin to Associate members only. The financial burden of providing it free of charge had proven to be too great for our limited resources.

The response was good but not as good as we had hoped for. We are attributing this to two factors, (a) busy schedules and (b) a reluctance on the part of some individuals to make the commitment of Associate Membership at this time.

Hence, this complimentary issue. We are hoping that you will be able to find time now to complete the application form and send in your $5.00. For this small sum you will receive the three (3) issues of the Bulletin and will become eligible for the privileges listed on the application. Alternately, you may subscribe only to the Bulletin. This will cost you $4.00.

We know you realize how important it is to keep informed of the many developments associated with our expanding organization. We hope you feel it is worth the few minutes of your time necessary to complete the form of your choice and send it, along with your cheque to our office. Please do it today.

Note:
This system does not apply to the United Kingdom. Information regarding membership in the United Kingdom Bliss Centre can be obtained from that centre.

Our Income Tax Donation Registration Number is 0459677-21-13

BLISSYMBOLICS COMMUNICATION FOUNDATION

SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR THE BULLETIN 1977 - 78

The Bulletin focuses on the past, present and future activities of the BCF and presents the BCF viewpoint.

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I wish to subscribe to the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation Bulletin.

Payment is attached hereto.

Name: _____

Address _____

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Discipline: _____

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BLISSYMBOLICS COMMUNICATION FOUNDATION

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Privileges and Duties of Membership

To promote the objects of the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation throughout the world in using or teaching or assisting in the development of symbol communication.

To advise the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation individually or in meetings called for the purpose as to symbol usage and development.

To be informed by the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation of current symbol usage and events concerning symbol development.

To assist those whose own language skills are inadequate by providing a workable symbol communication system.

The undersigned herein applies to be an Associate Member of the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation and herein states agreement with the aim of working toward maintaining a standard form of Blissymbolics.

The undersigned herein acknowledges application for Associate Membership in the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation and acknowledges the authority of the Blissymbolics Communication Foundation to set standards for the usage and form of symbol communication and agrees to follow its directions regarding the same, as they may from time to time be issued.

NAME: _____ Signed:

ADDRESS: _____ _____

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_____ Date: _____

Please enclose $5.00 fee and return to:

Blissymbolics Communication Foundation
862 Eglinton Avenue East
Toronto, Ontario M4G 2L1

COULD YOU PLEASE ASSIST US WITH UP-DATING OUR RECORDS BY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING FORM. PLEASE RETURN WITH ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM. IF APPROPRIATE, INDICATE MORE THAN ONE CHOICE.

A) I am applying Blissymbols primarily for the following purpose:

_____ (1) Communication
_____ (2) Language Development
_____ (3) Cognitive development
_____ (4) Development of reading skills
_____ (5) International communication
_____ (6) Other, please specify .....
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B) I am working in the application of symbols with:

_____ (1) The physically-handicapped population
_____ (2) The mentally retarded population
_____ (3) The multiply-handicapped population
_____ (4) The deaf population
_____ (5) The aphasic population
_____ (6) The autistic population
_____ (7) The blind population
_____ (8) Stroke patients
_____ (9) Population with delayed language development
_____ (10) The normal population
_____ (11) Other, please specify .....
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C) My work is mainly with:

_____ (1) Preschoolers
_____ (2) Children ages (5-12)
_____ (3) Adolescents (13-21)
_____ (4) Adults

D) (1) I am currently working with ..... symbol-users.

(2) I expect to be working with a total of ..... symbol-users in the future.

(3) There are ..... symbol-users I have worked with in the past who are now discontinued.

NAME .....

ADDRESS.....

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NEW SYMBOLS

Since its first practical use at the O.C.C.C. in 1971 Blissymbolics has become a living language for an ever growing number of non-speaking children and adults across the world. In the intervening years it has moved out from between the covers of Mr. Bliss' monumental Semantography into homes, classrooms and all the many places where "symbol-speakers" find themselves.

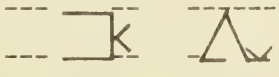
Like all living languages Blissymbolics must evolve to meet the requirements of the user. As part of the process, Mr. Bliss continues to direct his attention to refining both individual symbols and principles of symbol usage. As well, we ask the help of symbol users and instructors. Please send us the fruits of your experience: your suggestions for new symbol expressions, your comments on present principles of symbol usage, and the problems you have encountered as you use the system.

In order to fulfill its commitment to standardize Blissymbolics as it spreads in the public domain, Dr. Harry Silverman, arbiter in the BCF legal agreement with Charles K. Bliss, will consider your suggestions together with the recommendations of Charles K. Bliss.

New symbols, symbol changes and symbol principles arrived at, through Dr. Silverman's arbitration, will be printed in future issues of the Bulletin and will be contained in the Dictionary currently being developed.

Recent changes approved by Dr. Silverman are:-

1. Terminology: the arrowhead in symbols such as -



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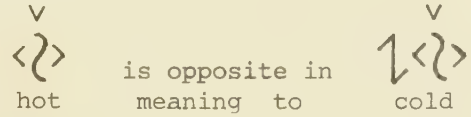
is to be called the pointer, rather than the location indicator, (The pointer is always to be represented by a right angle).

2. Revised Symbols

3. Revised Wording

For example:



The symbol does not mean opposite as used in the sentence, "The boy sat opposite the girl."

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C. K. BLISS

Charles K. Bliss is making two visits to Toronto this year. He came in June and participated in the Ottawa Conference on Technical Aids, organized by the National Research Council. Following this, Mr. Bliss worked with B.C.F. staff members in Toronto, offering many suggestions regarding the National Film Board Slide Series and discussing new symbols and symbols requiring revision. He returned to Australia July 7. We all felt his sorrow at the death of his brother Henry on July 24. In spite of his grief, Mr. Bliss continued to send his comments on some new symbols and on those symbols which are to appear in the forthcoming B.C.F. information brochure.

Throughout the summer, B.C.F. work has been directed toward the drawing of new master symbol cards, responding to many of the concerns of Mr. Bliss. On his return to Toronto this fall we hope to devote time to studying all the new master cards with Mr. Bliss, and we also look forward to the creation of many new symbols for inclusion in the Atkinson-funded Dictionary for symbol users.

From the new master symbol cards, symbols will be available for use in current B.C.F. projects, future publications, and future teaching aids.

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Congratulations to Joan Hurren. She has successfully completed the written assignments for the Presentors' Pool and Internship, as well as meeting the practical requirements for Presentor 1.
Joan will be receiving her well earned certificate, the first to do so under our new Presentors' policy.

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Questionnaire Results

From the reponse to the questionnaire attached to the Associate Membership application, to date the following statistics have been produced. Blissymbols are being used as follows:

Purpose	Number	%
Communication	215	47
Language Development	134	30
Cognitive Development	68	15
Development of reading skills	32	7
International communication	5	1
Other (prisoners, research)	5	1

Population	Number	%
Physically-handicapped	164	29
Mentally retarded	135	24
Multiply-handicapped	119	21
Deaf	26	4.5
Aphasic	29	5.0
Autistic	15	2.5
Blind	5	1.0
Stroke patients	21	3.5
Delayed Language development	41	7.0
Normal	6	1.0
Other (clinicians, emotionally disturbed, etc.)	5	1.0

Age Group	Number	%
Preschoolers	71	20
Children ages 5-12	160	46
Adolescents ages 13-21	70	20
Adults	50	14

Symbol Users	Number
Current	1,167
Future	1,288
Discontinued	137

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As of September 23, 1977, there are 2,263 people on our mailing list.

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Metric Templates will be available on November 1st.

Large size $7.00 Small size $5.00

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THOSE IN THE AREA OF COMMUNICATION AUGMENTATIVES:

The Fourth Annual Conference on Systems and Devices for the Disabled, Seattle, Washington. June 1-3 1977.

For information re purchase of Proceedings and future conferences, write:

Conference Chairman
C. Gerald Warren
Dept of Rehabilitation Medicine
BB - 805 HSB, RJ-30
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington. 98195

Workshop on Communication Aids for the Non-Verbal Physically Handicapped sponsored by the Medical Engineering Section, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada.

June 8-10, 1977.

For information re purchase of Proceedings and future workshops, write:

Peter J. Nelson
Medical Engineering Section
National Research Council
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. K1A 0R8

Information Sources regarding technical aids:

TRACE Centre
922 ERB
1500 Johnson Drive
Madison, Wisc. 53706

The International Commission for Technical Aids. Stockholm, Sweden.

For information write:

ICTA
Information Centre
S - 161
25 Bromma
Sweden.

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Technical Aids Bulletins.

Information regarding technical aids collected by the CRCD Engineering Advisory Committee and included in the Rehabilitation Digest.

For information write:

Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled
Suite 2110
One Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
M5E 1E8

A New Association:

The International Association for Communication Enhancement with plans for information dissemination through Communication Outlook.

For further information write:

Communication Outlook
Dept. of Computor Science
409 Computor Center,
Michigan State University,
East Lansing
Michigan. 48824

Recent Publications containing Sections of references to the application of Blissymbols.

G. C. Vanderheiden and K. Grilley Non-Vocal Communication Techniques and Aids for the Severely Physically Handicapped.
University Park Press, Cahmber of Commerce Building, Baltimore, Maryland. 21202.

June Bigge, Teaching Individuals with Physical and Multiple Disabilities, Charles Merrill Publishing. Columbus, Ohio.

Nonspeech Visual Symbol Training - paper presented by DESMO Project, University of Alabama in Birmingham, at the American Assn. for Mental Deficiency. Queries to P. Edea, M.A. Speech Language Pathologist.

BCF Bulletin and the Newsletter.

The Bulletin is symbolized by the outward direction of the arrows in the Blissymbolic Communication Foundation logo. The main focus is on the activities of the Foundation itself and is compiled by BCF staff. On the other hand, the Newsletter is symbolized by the inward direction of the arrows in the logo. It contains a collection of articles from many settings, submitted by parents, teachers, users,and others who are involved with Blissymbols. This sharing of thoughts and experiences enables us all to get a better insight into the world of Blissymbols in everyday life.

Mrs. Barbara Rush, Newsletter Editor, would be pleased to receive your articles at:-

64 Magnolia Drive,
Hamilton, Ontario. L9C 5T2

COMPUTER ASSISTED BLISS INSTRUCTION

Work is currently progressing at the Department of Computer Science at the University of Western Ontario on a prototype programme for Computer Assisted Instruction lessons for teaching Blissymbolics. The lessons are written in a CAI language currently in use at Western. Symbols are displayed directly upon a TEKTRONIX graphics terminal along with the associated lesson text. The lessons themselves can be run on a timesharing PDP-10 system or on a dedicated microcomputer system.

The current work calls for three hours of lessons. Included will be a basic introduction to Blissymbols and the 400 Symbol Board. A lesson also gives instruction on symbol drawing techniques.

A report will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin, following completion of the initial stage of the project and a preliminary evaluation as to its effectiveness.

THE NATURE OF THINGS

"PEOPLE YOU NEVER SEE"

To be shown Wednesday,
December 14th at 8:00 p.m.
(Unless schedule is changed)
30 mins - channel 5 C.B.C.

An excellent programme portraying the cerebral palsied person's need for acceptance and involvement in society.

The first half of the programme is devoted to Kari Harrington, her life at James Robinson School and with her family. Direct attention is given to her use of Blissymbols, to her academic progress in reading, typing and spelling, and to the application of Blissymbolics with her classmates in the special education class. It is a delightful presentation of Kari which should be seen by all symbol users.

The second half of the programme focuses on the cerebral palsied adults living in MacLeod House, a Cheshire residence in Toronto. Their fight for independence and dignity is very well demonstrated.

Those wishing to purchase or rent the presentation following its showing on December 14th, 1977, should write to:

Mr. Len Chambers,
The Nature of Things,
C.B.C., 790 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Congratulations to Elizabeth McCallum and her film crew for a film which challenges us all. It makes it possible for the cerebral palsied person "To Be Seen!"

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We are delighted to announce the publication of an article by Lynda Archer, relating to system of Blissymbolics, as used by children. See Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders. Nov. 1977 Reprints available from BCF following publication. Cost $1.00

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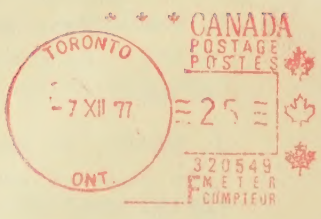

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